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SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

Visit the Eagle Lake business directory at https://eaglelakemn.com/businesses

SAVE THE DATES

REC ON THE GO

WEDNESDAYS · June 16 - August 11

JULY 15

MUSIC ON PARKWAY · Powerhouse

JULY 15-18

EAGLE LAKE TATOR DAYS

AUGUST 3

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

AUGUST 19

MUSIC ON PARKWAY · City Mouse

SEPTEMBER 10

 ${\tt OUTDOOR\ MOVIE} \cdot \textit{Star\ Wars:\ Return\ of\ the\ Jedi}$





CITY OF EAGLE LAKE NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2021

Population: 3,158

City Hall

PO Box 159 705 Parkway Avenue Eagle Lake, Minnesota 56024 507-257-3218 eaglelakemn.com



CITY HALL HOURS

Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

UTILITY PAYMENTS

For utility customer convenience, a drop box is located on the east side of City Hall for utility bill payments and is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Utility bill payment options include the following: on-line, auto-pay, by mail, in person, or by phone using a credit or debit card.

QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?

Please let us know your questions and/or concerns directly so that we can do our best to promptly address your questions and/or concerns. City staff can be reached during business hours at City Hall, via phone, or electronically using the **"CONTACT US"** feature on the City of Eagle Lake website at:

https://eaglelakemn.com/contact

IMPORTANT NOTE

The City of Eagle Lake communicates with residents using its

City of Eagle Lake Website

City of Eagle Lake Facebook Page

City of Eagle Lake Email Blasts

Mailers

Such as quarterly newsletters mailed to all postal patrons with a 56024-zip code

Questions posed to the City of Eagle Lake via the **Eagle Lake Community Facebook Page** will **not** be answered by City staff as the City of Eagle Lake is not affiliated with the Eagle Lake Community Facebook page. Please contact the City of Eagle Lake directly with any questions that you wish to have answered by City staff.



EAGLE LAKE LOST & FOUND

A number of items have been turned into City Hall recently. Stop by City Hall during regular business hours to claim lost items.

CITY HALL HOURS | Monday - Friday | 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

EAGLE LAKE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS



HELD THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH • 6 P.M.

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Persons wishing to address the City Council can do so in person or written comments or questions can be submitted via USPS, email, or dropped off at City Hall to be read at the meeting.

To view meetings, please visit the City of Eagle Lake website at **eaglelakemn.com** and click on the "City of Eagle Lake MN City Council Meetings" icon (as shown on the right) on the home page of the website.



PARTNERSHIP

The City is pleased to partner with Mankato East High School's Work-Based Learning (WBL) Program to utilize a student intern that will be trained to operate the audio and video equipment used to live stream meetings.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

APPLY NOW

TO SERVE ON THE PARK BOARD OR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Economic Development Authority (EDA) coordinates and administers economic development plans and programs of the City.

PARK BOARD

The Park Board reviews programming for existing parks and reviews areas for future parks.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

EAGLE LAKE AMERICAN LEGION POST 617

FARMERS MARKET

The Legion will be offering space for anyone interested in participating in a "Farmers Market".

DATE

EVERY WEDNESDAY

JUNE THROUGH LABOR DAY

TIME

4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. APPROX. LOCATION

AMERICAN LEGION POST 617
PARKING LOT

There is no fee to participate and no obligation to participate weekly. Please be respectful of the Legion's property.

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT TAMIE FROM THE LEGION AT (507) 327-7787



FREE EVENT

MUSIC ON PARKWAY

On the City owned green space situated between the American Legion and Eagle's Nest along Parkway Avenue.

JULY 15 POWERHOUSE

7 - 10 DM

AUGUST 19
CITY MOUSE

7 - 10 PM

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to enjoy the music.

Music on Parkway is made possible by a matching grant from the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation and partnership with the City of Eagle Lake and Eagle Lake Community Development Foundation.



UNDER THE STARS

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE EVENT

AT EAGLE LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Bring chairs and blankets for seating. Families may also bring their own snacks.

STAR WARS
RETURN OF THE JEDI

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10

6PM

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

7PM

FREE SUPPER
While Supplies Last

MOVIE

For more information, cancellation, and makeup status, call Mankato Community Education and Recreation **507-387-5501** or visit their website at **www.mankatocer.com**































FREE EVENT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

HOSTED BY

Epiphany Lutheran Church in Partnership with Eagle Lake Area Lions Club

AUGUST 3 | 5 - 7 PM

Epiphany Lutheran Church

Epiphany Lutheran Church



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

INCLUDED

Fire Truck
Police Squad
Games & Prizes for the Kids

HOT DOG, CHIPS & POP

Free Will Offering

Proceeds will go towards the Parks Project

REC ON THE GO!

SUMMER 2021





SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAYS IN EAGLE LAKE

JULY 7 9:30 - 11:30 AM

LAKE EAGLE PARK

Snag Golf, Trail Fitness, Arts & Crafts & More

JULY 14 4:30 - 6:30 PM

LAKE EAGLE PARK

Soccer, STEAM Activities & More

JULY 21 9:30 - 11:30 AM

LAKE EAGLE PARK

Tug-A-War, Kickball, Paint Crafts & More

JULY 28 4:30 - 6:30 PM

FRAZE PARK

Sand Volleyball, Parachute Fun & More

AUGUST 4 4:30 - 6:30 PM

LAKE EAGLE PARK

Hawaiian Themed Activities & Water Day

AUGUST 11 4:30 - 6:30 PM

EAGLE HEIGHTS PARK

Camping Activities & More

REGISTRATION IS RECOMMENDED FOR THIS FREE ACTIVITY BUT NOT REQUIRED

www.mankato.eleyo.com





STAY CONNECTED

@mankatocer

www.facebook.com/mankatocer

#CERMankato #FRESHSTART #SUMMERWITHUS!



Purchase buttons for \$2 at local businesses. Show your button at the Legion for FREE FRENCH FRIES while supplies last! Starts at 2pm Saturday.

TATOR DAYS **EVENTS**

2021

MEDALLION HUNT

Medallion Hunt Clues will be posted in town around noon, and on Facebook later in the day. Find the **Medallion and get** \$50. Thank you to Olson Chiropractic for hosting and sponsoring this event!



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MONDAY 7/12

6:30pm

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Little Miss Tator Tot and Mr Fry Guy

THURSDAY 7/15

7:00 - 10pm

Music on Parkway **Featuring Powerhouse**

Pancake Breakfast

Kids 1 Mile Race★

Tator Days 5K

Pedal Pull

ELFD will be serving hot dogs & brats - free will donation!

FRIDAY 7/16

6:00pm Registration 6:30pm Start

7:30pm Trivia Night

SATURDAY 7/17

8:00am - 11:00am

8:00am 5k

9:00am Kids Mile

12:00pm - 1:00pm Reg Race to 21 Cornhole

1:30pm Bags Fly Tournament 🛦 See Facebook for registration details

1:00pm **Tator Days Parade** See Facebook for route map

1:00pm **Eagle Lake Expos vs** Janesville •

2:00pm All Day Event Rib Cookoff A

\$10 tickets meal tickets available

2:00pm Kids Water Fights •

SATURDAY 7/17

2:00pm

Free French Fries

Show your button at the Legion for free french fries starting at 2pm and continuing while supplies last. Thank you to Denny Terrell and ReMax Dynamic Agents for your sponsorship!

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Bounce House \$5 wrist-band per child

3:00pm

4:00pm

3:30pm

8:30pm

Duke Burger Eating Contest Contact the Eagle's Nest to register in advance

Eagle Lake Expos vs Lake Crystal •

Family Big Bucks Bingo 🛦

Street Dance Tony Flynn Project and **Drive Station**

SUNDAY 7/18

8:00am - 11am

Red Eye Breakfast Special

12:30pm Registration Cribbage Tourney ▲ 1:00pm Cards Fly

3:00pm Raffle Drawing Corn Hole Board Raffle

Buy raffles for \$10 each to win custom corn hole boards donated by Oachs Custom Woodworkina! Drawing is Sunday at 3pm @ the Legion.

American Legion

★ Eagle Lake Elementary

Eagle Lake City Park

Eagle's Nest

• Eagle Lake Fire Hall

Parkway

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

EAGLE LAKE PARKS PROJECT

PHASE I

Phase I of the Parks Project would not have been possible without the generous financial support of so many individuals, organizations, and businesses. Phase I consisted of adding new equipment and base material to the playground at Lake Eagle Park and the establishment of a new playground at Eagle Heights Park.





FUNDING IS CURRENTLY BEING SOUGHT TO COMPLETE PHASE II OF THE PARKS PROJECT

The construction of a new park pavilion at Lake Eagle Park.

DONATE TO CANS FOR KIDS

Donating your aluminum cans to "Cans for Kids" is an easy way to support the Eagle Lake parks.

The proceeds from the cans go towards the parks.



DONATION LOCATION

Near the Eagle Lake water tower
PLEASE DO NOT BAG CANS



DONATE YOUR RECYCLABLE PLASTIC

The Eagle Lake Area Lions Club encourages residents and businesses to join in helping make a difference for our environment by collecting and donating #2 and #4 recyclable plastic bags, wrap and mailers.



COLLECTION RUNS FROM MAY 1 - NOVEMBER 1, 2021

Our goal is to collect

500 LBS



40,500

over the next 6 months which will be donated to Trex.com/recycling. For our efforts, our community will receive a Trex park bench at no charge in return which will be placed and used in one of our area city parks.

DONATION LOCATIONS

City Hall
705 PARKWAY AVE, EAGLE LAKE

Paul's Plumbing and Heating Office 305 BLACE AVE, EAGLE LAKE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP SUPPORTING THE PARKS AND HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT.

MESSAGE FROM

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BRIAN GOETTL AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND WATER CONSERVATION

As a water supplier serving over 1,000 people, Eagle Lake received notification on June 15th from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources that cities with persistent moderate drought conditions may be asked to begin implementing water conservation measures if dry conditions continue. If conservation measures are necessary, in addition to notifying the local media, notice will also be posted on the City's Facebook page and email distribution list advising utility customers of any water use restrictions.

The Public Works Department monitors water usage and capacity daily. As the summer heats up, residents may wish to voluntarily consider some water conservation measures.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS FROM THE DNR

DAILY WATER APPLICATION IS UNNECESSARY FOR HEALTHY ESTABLISHED TURF.

Before watering, verify that the grass needs watering:



EFFECTIVE LAWN WATERING

- Water landscapes and lawns during the early morning, when it is still cool.
- Lawns need about 1 inch of rain or water per week.
- **Deep soaking is better** for roots than frequent shallow watering.
- Water your lawn infrequently, one time or less per week, assuming no rainfall has occurred.
- Cut grass 3 to 4 inches.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

GRASS CLIPPINGS ARE STORMWATER POLLUTANTS

KEEP GRASS CLIPPINGS AND YARD WASTE OUT OF THE STREET AND GUTTERS PLEASE DO NOT BLOW GRASS CLIPPINGS INTO THE STREET

Yard waste is a major source of pollution in surface waters. That is because it is filled with phosphorous — both artificial and naturally occurring — that feeds algae. Algal blooms can cause health problems for humans and wildlife and create some unsightly and foul-smelling water bodies.

PLEASE REMEMBER

The only thing that should be going into storm drains is water from rain and melting snow.

BASIC FACTS ABOUT STORMWATER PONDS

- Stormwater ponds are used in an area where land is altered, and additional runoff is generated due to a reduction in permeable surface.
- Ponds that are in neighborhoods or backyards generally serve a larger area than just the adjacent properties, by means of collecting street runoff with underground pipes and directing all the runoff from a development or neighborhood to one location.
- The ponds help to treat stormwater and water quality (pollutants within the water). This is based on federal, state, and local regulations. The overall goal of these regulations is to help protect our natural resources and to prevent downstream impacts.
- The main purpose of ponds is to help control and treat stormwater. They are not intended for aesthetics but can serve this purpose as an added benefit.
- Ponds are inspected on a regular basis (every 5 years, or as needed) to ensure functionality. The inlets, outlets, depth, and other attributes are reviewed to confirm that they are working properly.

Property owners that are directly adjacent to these ponds are asked to

LEAVE A

10 FOOT BUFFER AROUND THE POND

This buffer helps to slow down water, catching sediment, fertilizer, and other types of runoff/contaminants.

• STORMWATER PONDS ARE NOT INTENDED FOR RECREATIONAL USE. The contaminants collected in these areas are not suited for swimming.

Working together and understanding the purpose for stormwater ponds helps protect the environment and benefits neighborhoods.

MESSAGE FROM

POLICE CHIEF JOHN KOPP AND POLICE DEPTARTMENT

ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATV'S)



The speed limit for ATV's is 10 mph within city limits. ATV's cannot be operated in a careless or reckless manner. ATV's can only be driven on the road when it has the proper licensure and the person driving the ATV has a valid driver's license. A helmet is required for all people who are riding or operating an ATV under the age of 18 years of age. All state statues and laws including City ordinances must be followed when driving within the boundaries of the City of Eagle Lake.

FIREWORKS

We receive numerous complaints every year about illegal fireworks being set off. **Any fireworks that are aerial and are explosive are illegal in Minnesota**. If you are caught with illegal fireworks, you may be subject to jail time and a fine or both.

ROAD CLOSED SIGNS

Please be mindful of the road closed signs, especially on Agency Street, where we have a large construction project going on. It is not only illegal to go around road closed signs, but also dangerous. The road closed signs are posted for a reason and not just to inconvenience people. You may be cited if you are found to be within a road closed area.



TALL GRASS

Please remember to keep your grass cut. Grass can be **no longer than 6 inches in height**. If you have grass longer than 6 inches in height, you are in violation of code.

DOGS

We get many complaints yearly about dogs running at large or not on a leash. We also get complaints about people not cleaning up dog waste. **All dogs must be licensed.** Contact City Hall if your dog is not licensed. These are all violations of city ordinances and people can be given citations for all of these offenses.

POSTED SPEED LIMITS



We have gotten several complaints about people going too fast on the residential side streets in town with the construction occurring on Agency. Please be mindful of the speed limit on residential streets in town. Most residential streets in town have a 25 mph speed limit on them. Please keep an eye on your speed and watch for posted speed limits. Also be mindful that we have a lot of adults and children out on bicycles and walking and need to drive at a safe speed.

DOG LICENSES

Per Eagle Lake code, all dogs within city limits must be licensed. Please be sure that your dog wears its metal tag that is issued with the dog license. This helps the police identify where a dog lives so that it can be returned home if lost versus being impounded.

Please call or stop by City Hall to obtain a dog license application if your dog is not currently licensed.

Replacement tags are available at NO CHARGE if a tag is lost or damaged.

BUILDING AND ZONING PERMITS

Building permits are required for almost all construction projects including but not limited to new homes, garages, additions, decks, sheds over 200 square feet, windows, roofing, siding, etc. A building permit is also required for any building being moved onto a lot or any building being demolished. A zoning permit is required for sheds 200 square feet or less, patios, and fences.



The building and zoning permit application form is available on the City's website or can be obtained at City Hall during normal business hours (Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.).

Please contact City Hall at 507-257-3218 with any questions.

CALL BEFORE DIGGING

Gopher State One Call **1-800-252-1166 or 811**

Protect yourselves and your property against underground utility damage and liability. Before digging, anyone in Minnesota must call Gopher State One Call (GSOC) and find out where underground utility lines might be buried (no cost).



MOSQUITO CONTROL TREATMENT SCHEDULE

The City of Eagle Lake contracts Clarke with for mosquito control services. Nine treatments were scheduled for Eagle Lake this spring and summer.

Residents wishing to receive notification in advance of treatments can sign up using the following link: www.clarkeportal.com.

Click the "Register" hyperlink next to "Do not have an account?".

Then click the "I am a Resident" button.

REMAINING
TREATMENTS

July 6, 12, 19 & August 2, 16

Dates may vary slightly due to weather or other factors.



FIBER OPTIC INTERNET, TV, AND PHONE

EXPANDING TO EAGLE LAKE - SUMMER 2021

Metro Fibernet, LLC (MetroNet) will be constructing and operating a fiber to the premises network (FTTP) for the purpose of providing state of the art all fiber voice, video, and internet services. MetroNet will construct an FTTP Network capable of providing voice, video, and internet fiber services to residents and businesses in the city of Eagle Lake. The FTTP network will be solely funded by MetroNet.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question: I have a sprinkler system, dog fence, sump pump line or other underground item. What do I need to do to make sure these items are marked and avoided during construction?

Answer: It is very important to notify MetroNet of these items. You can either mark them with pink flags or landscape-safe spray paint, or report them at metronetinc.com/construction by clicking the "Ask Questions" tab.

Question: Does MetroNet have permission to be on my property?

Answer: MetroNet has the legal right to access the designated utility easements typically located within a strip of land running along the street, the sidewalk, the rear lot line, or between two lots. If the easement is within a fenced-in yard, crews will need your help accessing this area.

Question: When can I remove the utility marking flags and/or paint in my yard?

Answer: Markers and paint need to remain in place until construction of the network is complete.

Question: Will MetroNet restore the area in which they performed construction?

Answer: MetroNet makes every effort to minimize impact to properties. Once construction is complete and weather permits, MetroNet will restore lawns in areas where digging occurred.

Please contact MetroNet directly with any questions or concerns.

CUSTOMER SERVICE LINE: 1-877-386-3876

ASK QUESTIONS online communication tool or construction website metronetinc.com/construction

WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM STUDY

The City of Eagle Lake engaged Bolton and Menk in the fall of 2020 to complete a water treatment system study to provide information necessary to establish priorities, plan, fund, and implement required future water system improvements. Water treatment alternatives are actively being studied to determine feasibility.

EXPERIENCING COLOR AND ODOR ISSUES?

Please notify City Hall so that the general location of complaints can be tracked.

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS HWY 14/COUNTY ROAD 56 IN EAGLE LAKE

Following an analysis of intersection alternatives, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), Blue Earth County, and the City of Eagle Lake are moving forward with a Restricted Crossing U-Turn (also referred to as a J-Turn) at the intersection of Hwy 14 and Blue Earth County Road 56 in Eagle Lake. **Construction is planned for 2022**.

Additionally, MnDOT recently installed pavement markings on CR 56 to encourage motorists to stop closer to Hwy 14, which improves visibility for CR 56 traffic as they either cross or turn onto Hwy 14. MnDOT worked closely with the project partners, as well as collected input from the community prior to arriving at the selected alternative of an RCUT. The public was invited to share feedback on the proposed concepts through a virtual presentation and online survey. For a summary of the community feedback, visit mndot.gov/d7/projects/hwy14eaglelake/public-input.html.

Additional information about the intersection, including Frequently Asked Questions, is available on the project website at mndot.gov/d7/projects/hwy14eaglelake.

CSAH 27 RECONSTRUCTION IN EAGLE LAKE

Blue Earth County in partnership with the City of Eagle Lake, is reconstructing the roadway and the underlying city watermain and sanitary sewer on CSAH 27 (Agency Street) from LeRay Avenue to Thomas Dr. Sidewalk will be constructed on the west side of the road from Thomas Dr. to Parkway Ave. and on both the east and west sides of the street from Valley Lane to Le Ray Ave.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

MAY 2021 - OCTOBER 2021 - SUMMER 2022

FOR PROJECT UPDATES, VISIT:

https://eaglelakemn.com/city/current-construction-projects or https://www.blueearthcountymn.gov/CSAH27

PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIVITY STUDY

The City of Eagle Lake, as a member of the Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization (MAPO), seeks a pedestrian connectivity study to evaluate the feasibility, alternative layouts, right of way needs, and alternative costs for the provision of pedestrian services across and along CSAH 27 from Thomas Drive to 211th Street in Eagle Lake.

EAGLE LAKE **STAFF MEMBERS**

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Dustin Jensen *Full-Time Officer*



Benjamin Romig
Full-Time Officer



Zachary Keesey
Part-Time Officer

-- NOT PICTURED --**Evan Chirpich**

Part-Time Officer

RECENTLY PROMOTED

Part-time police officer Benjamin Romig was recently promoted as a full-time officer with the Eagle Lake Police Department. Officer Romig began working for the department as a part-time officer in June 2020.

Congratulations, Officer Romig!

RECENTLY HIRED

Evan Chirpich was recently hired as a part-time police officer for the Eagle Lake Police Department.

PUBLIC WORKS



Andrew Hartman, Brian Shoemaker, Michael Nicklay, Brian Goettl, Luke Longoria, and Jerry Haber (Left to Right)

Brian Goettl, Public Works Director | bkgoettl@eaglelakemn.com

Andrew Hartman, *Public Works Supervisor* | elpw@eaglelakemn.com

Michael Nicklay, Public Works Worker | Brian Shoemaker, Part-Time Public Works Worker | Jerry Haber, Seasonal Public Works Worker | Luke Longoria, Seasonal Public Works Worker

RECENTLY HIRED

Luke Longoria was recently hired as a seasonal public works worker. Welcome, Luke!

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dan Ruschmeyer, *Fire Chief* elfdchief@eaglelakemn.com

Please contact City Hall at 507-257-3218 with any questions.

EAGLE LAKE ELECTED OFFICIALS



Tim Auringer *Mayor*mayorauringer@eaglelakemn.com



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John Whitington *Council*jwhitington@eaglelakemn.com

NEWLY APPOINTED CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

John Whitington was recently appointed by the Mayor and City Council to fill a vacancy left by Dennis Terrell who resigned from the City Council due to moving outside of city limits. **We welcome John Whitington to the City Council.**



YOU.

We thank Dennis Terrell for his many years of dedicated service to the Eagle Lake Community.



Pictured: Mayor Tim Auringer presenting Councilmember Dennis Terrell with a plaque to recognize his years of dedicated service to the City of Eagle Lake. Councilmember Terrell served on the City Council beginning in 1986 until 1994 and again in 2011 until April 5, 2021.